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8 December 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. The Director called Mr. [] on 7 December 1960 and advised him that the Central Intelligence Agency has no responsibility for internal security matters and the only personnel investigations we conduct in the United States are for prospective Agency employees. The Director said, however, we had determined that [] had several "high U. S. Government clearances," the latest of which was granted in January 1960. He suggested to Mr. Bell that he might wish to check with the Federal Bureau of Investigation but told him the Bureau, rightfully so, was cagey about furnishing security information to individuals outside of those authorized to receive it, and added that very frankly he was too.

2. Mr. Bell thanked the Director, and said he fully understood the Director's position, and noted he had said as much in a subsequent letter to the Director (attached) which was not received until after the above conversation had taken place.

[]
Executive Officer, DCI

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